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SUBJECT MBFR: FRENCH COMMENT ON AHG END OF ROUND PRESS  
STATEMENT

REF MBFR VIENNA 620 (DTG 151846Z DEC 76)

1. HEAD OF NATO DISARMAMENT SECTION (PABSCH - FRG) HAS INFORMED US THAT AROUND NOON ON DECEMBER 16 HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM FRENCH DELEGATION OFFICER GUELLUY RE PARA 16 OF AHG END OF ROUND PRESS STATEMENT (REFTEL). GUELLUY SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION OBJECTED TO THE STATMENT IN PARA 16 THAT THE DISPARITY IN GROUND MAN POWER IN THE NGA IN FAVOR OF THE EAST IS "SOMEWHAT LARGER THAN 150,000 MEN". SUCH A DISPARITY APPEARED IN EFFECT TO INCLUDE FRENCH FORCES IN THE ALLIED DATA BASE. GUELLUY SAID THAT FRENCH PERMREP TINE INTENDED TO OBJECT AT THE SECRET

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AHG BRIEFING OF THE NAC ON DECEMBER 17. PABSCH TOLD US HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE FRENCH OBJECTION ORIGINATED IN BRUSSELS RATHER THAN PARIS. PABSCH CHECKED WITH SYG REP ON AHG AND FOUND THAT AHG HAD ALREADY USED THE STATEMENT.

2. FRG DELEGATION OFFICER (SCHNELLER) LATER TOLD US THAT PABSCH HAD ALSO PASSED THIS INFORMATION TO FRG DELEGATION, WHICH HAD INFORMED RUTH. SCHNELLER SAID

RUTH WAS UPSET AT THIS NEWS. RUTH COULD NOT SEE ON WHAT BASIS THE FRENCH WOULD OBJECT TO PARA 16 OF THE PRESS STATEMENT, SINCE THE AGREED COMPROMISE LEFT THE SITUATION IN VIENNA UNCHANGED. RUTH SAID THAT THE ALLIES HAD AGREED TO DISAGREE. THE FRENCH CAN MAKE A STATEMENT IF THEY WISH, BUT THEY CANNOT STOP THE PARTICIPANTS FROM USING PARA 16. IF TINE MAKES A STATEMENT, THE FRG DELEGATION WILL NOT TAKE THE LEAD IN REPLYING TO IT, HOWEVER, SINCE THE FRG HAS BEEN QUITE ACTIVE ON THE DATA QUESTION IN RECENT WEEKS. FRG PERMREP, WE ALSO UNDERSTAND, WILL MOST PROBABLY REMAIN SILENT.

3. UK, BELGIAN AND DUTCH DELEGATION OFFICERS INFORM US THAT THEIR PERMREPS ALSO WILL PROBABLY REMAIN SILENT.

4. IF TINE DOES OBJECT TO THE AHG PRESS STATEMENT AT THE DECEMBER 17 NAC, WE ASSUME THAT THE PERMREPS WILL SIMPLY NOTE WHAT HE HAS TO SAY, AND TAKE NO ACTION. WE DO NOT PLAN TO COMMENT ON THE AHG PRESS STATEMENT AT THE DECEMBER 17 NAC, UNLESS INSTRUCTED. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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